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PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC ACID

LETTER TO PTO

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SIR:

Patent Owners wish to notify the Office that the bacterial species identified as *Enterobacter agglomerans* in this application/patent has been changed to *Pantoea ananatis*. The change in the previously identified bacterial species *Enterobacter agglomerans* to *Pantoea ananatis* arises as a result of a change in classification since the original characterization of the bacterial strains exemplified in this application/patent.

This name change affects previously identified *Enterobacter agglomerans* AJ13355, *Enterobacter agglomerans* AJ13356, and *Enterobacter agglomerans* AJ13601 and the corresponding descriptions in the specification. These strains are now properly *Pantoea ananatis* AJ13355, *Pantoea ananatis* AJ13356, and *Pantoea ananatis* AJ13601. This name change has also been recorded at the International Patent Organism Depositary, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology.

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